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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) It is reported that the managements of 25 out of the 31 mills in Coimbatore district have paid compensation due to the retrenched workers. In respect of other cases, the matter is under examination by the Labour Department."

SRI K. T. RAJU:—" லேபர் டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கக் கூடிய பிரச்னை எப்பொழுது முடிவுக்கு வரும் என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களைக் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" பிரச்னை முடிந்ததும் விஷயமும் முடிவாகும்."

Ranee's Hospital, Pudukkottai.

* 1516 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any separate minimum and maximum maternity charges are levied for maternity cases in Ranee's Hospital, Pudukkottai, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(b) the principle on which such minimum and maximum charges are levied?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) In cases where the income of the patient or the head of the patient's family is Rs. 100 per month and above, a fee ranging from Rs. 12–8–0 to Rs. 25 to be fixed by the head of the institution is charged for confinements.

" (b) On the basis of income of the patient or the head of the patient's family."

Training centre for agricultural demonstration maistries.

* 1517 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government conducted any training centre at Pattambi, South Malabar, for agricultural demonstration maistries in 1954;

(b) if so, how many were given training; and

(c) of the trainees how many were appointed as additional agricultural demonstration maistries and of those appointed, how many were subsequently discharged?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) Sixty-two candidates were trained at the Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi.

" (c) Sixty-one candidates were appointed. Out of them 35 persons were subsequently ousted as a result of the reorganization of the field set up of the Agricultural department which came into force on 1st December 1954. Out of these 35 persons, 15 persons have since been reappointed and the remaining persons have been allotted to other districts for appointment."

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Dr. K. B. MENON :—" On account of the scarcity of trained personnel, will the Government consider some scheme of making use of senior students who come out of the high schools which have Bifurcated Courses in agriculture? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. That is a separate question and that is under consideration of the Government."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know how long these 35 persons who were subsequently discharged were in office? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no information with me as to exactly the period when they were in office."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture why these 35 Malayalee maistries who had undergone training in the Pattambi Agricultural Research Station, and who were appointed on 30th November 1954 were discharged on the evening of that day (30th November 1954) itself and why they have not yet been reinstated? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" These people were appointed when there was need and when the posts in which they were appointed became supernumerary they were ousted. But, Malayalees—big or small—do not mind at all going anywhere else where there is employment available and these 30 people should not mind going to South Kanara district or Coimbatore district, if they can be employed there."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The other day the Hon. Minister stated that the Government do not intend wasting money on training persons unless employment could be found for them. As these 35 persons are now without job, may I know why so much money has been wasted by the Government on these trainees? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not agree that there has been any waste in giving training to these 35 people. I have just now answered that these trainees who could not be absorbed, have been allotted to other districts."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Apart from the question of Malayalees or Tamilians in which I am not interested and which is not my question, I wish to know why these people who were appointed on 30th November 1954 were ousted from service on the same day? That, Sir, was my original question and it has not been answered."

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that the reorganization proposals were brought into effect on the 1st December 1954. On that day some of these posts were found to be supernumerary and some of the persons employed in these posts were ousted."

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SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, தமிழ் நாட்டில் பெருவாரியான உத்யோகஸ்தர்கள் மேஸ்திரிகளாக வேலை பார்க்கத் தகுதியுள்ளவர்களாக இருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களை மலையாள தேசத்தில் மேஸ்திரிகளாக நியமிக்க சர்க்கார் ஆலோசிக்குமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அமமாதிரி போவதற்கு தமிழ் நாட்டிலுள்ளவர்கள் தயாராக இருந்தால் அதைப்பற்றி யோசிக்கப்படும்."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVER :—" மலையாள பிரதேசத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் தென் துருவத்திலும் வட துருவத்திலும் மற்றும் உலகத்தில் வேறு எந்த இடங்களிலும் சென்று வேலை பார்ப்பதற்குத் தகுதியுள்ளவர்களாக இருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களை எந்த இடத்திற்கு அனுப்பினாலும் அவர்கள் அங்கு போய் வேலை பார்ப்பதற்கும் தயாராக இருக்கிறார்கள் என்பது என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயம். அது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுடைய அபிப்பிராயத்திற்குப் பொருந்துமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அதையேதான் நான் முன்பு சொன்னேன்."

Smallpox in Kurumbranad taluk.

* 1518 *Q.*—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps the Government have taken to stem the spread of smallpox in Kurumbranad taluk?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The smallpox situation in Kurumbranad taluk has been brought under control by carrying out primary vaccinations and revaccinations, house isolation, disinfection of infected houses, materials, etc., smearing of carbolised vaseline and sulphonomide ointments, closing of schools and theatres in the infected localities, propaganda by means of informal talks, magic lantern lectures and cinema shows, free treatment and general relief measures such as distribution of rice, gruel and reconstituted milk "

Electric pumping station on Bharathapuzha river.

* 1519 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri E. T. Kunhan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 17th May 1954 from Sri E. T. Kunhan, M.L.A., regarding the installation of an electric pumping station on the Bharathapuza river near Pothanoor village, Ponnani taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government have examined the scheme and have issued orders deferring its further consideration till 1st March 1956, pending further detailed investigation by the Director of Agriculture."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that deferring this scheme till 1st March